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Brothers Sentenced for Misusing BIA Property

MINOT - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on March 19, 2010, **Cory W. Thomas**, 27, of Belcourt, North Dakota, and **Coty W. Thomas**, 18, of Rolla, North Dakota, pleaded guilty and were sentenced before United States District Court Magistrate Judge Charles S. Miller, Jr., on charges of official badges, identification cards, or other insignia.

On June 22, 2009, Cory Thomas and Coty Thomas took a Bureau of Indian Affairs' vehicle and used the sirens and lights to pull over another vehicle. After the occupants of the detained vehicle reported the stop, Cory Thomas and Coty Thomas, using the BIA vehicle, fled pursuing law enforcement officers using excessive speeds.

Magistrate Judge Miller sentenced Cory Thomas and Coty Thomas to two years of probation, three months of home confinement and a \$10.00 special assessment to the Crime Victim's Fund.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs - Turtle Mountain Agency.

Assistant United States Attorney Brandi Sasse Russell prosecuted the case.

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